

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
January 27, 2025**

**CISCO, TEXAS §
EASTLAND, COUNTY §**

The City Council of the City of Cisco met in a regular called session at the Cisco Council Chambers in Cisco as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR _____	STEPHEN FORESTER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I _____	JASON WHETSTONE
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II _____	ROBERT JOHNSTON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V _____	CHRIS JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____	TRAVIS TOOF

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

INTERIM CITY MANAGER _____	PEGGY LEDBETTER
CITY SECRETARY _____	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III _____	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____	NATHAN BRUNER

Guests: Jane Nichols, Scott Stevens, Sarah Adams, Ervin Light, Barbara Light, Sean King, Nehemiah King, Jed Keck, Kenneth Preston, Brent West, Anthony Koch, Paul Flores, Tammi Wilson, Beth Hoferitza, Justin Jaworski, Chris Carter

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Forester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGES

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Pledge to the Texas Flag

III. INVOCATION:

Councilmember Toof gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

Ms. Tammi Wilson spoke to the Council with questions about living in recreational vehicles and manufactured homes. Ms. Wilson was directed to contact the City Secretary for information on those items.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **January 13, 2025**

Councilmember C. Johnson indicated an error on the vote count for item C.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the minutes with the aforementioned amendment, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: W. Johnson, Bruner

VI. QUARTERLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Annual Racial Profiling Report—Chief Kenneth Preston presented the annual Racial Profiling Report.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to approve the Racial Profiling Report as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: W. Johnson, Bruner

- Quarterly Police Department Report-Chief Kenneth Preston presented the Quarterly Police Department Report.
- Quarterly Finance Report-Peggy Ledbetter presented the Quarterly Finance Report.
- Quarterly Court Report-Associate Judge Osborne presented the Quarterly Court Report.
- Quarterly Public Works Report-Paul Flores presented the Quarterly Public Works Report.
- Quarterly Street Department Report-Anthony Koch presented the Quarterly Street Department Report.
- Quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Report-Anthony Koch presented the Quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Report.
- Quarterly Water Treatment Plant Report-Jacob Irby presented the Quarterly Water Treatment Plant Report.
- Quarterly Cisco Development Corporation Report-Justin Jaworski presented the Quarterly Cisco Development Corporation Report

VII. THE CITY COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2025-01-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, REGARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING “WATER METER INSTALLATION”.

Mayor Forester explained that the contract reflected previous discussions of the loan with Government Capital.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the resolution as presented, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: Whetstone/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 1
Absent: W. Johnson, Bruner

B. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2025-01-27-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, EASTLAND COUNTY, AUTHORIZING AND ORDERING A GENERAL (REGULAR) MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, PLACE I AND PLACE II, BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS; APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES; ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR ELECTION WORKERS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE HART INTERCIVIC DUO VERITY HYBRID VOTING SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the resolution as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: W. Johnson, Bruner

C. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2025-01-27-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE; DEFINING THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT FOR EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS; REQUIRING A QUORUM; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL AMEND AND SUPERSEDE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11-18; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Forester explained that the composition of the committee had been changed to be less rigid in who could serve on the committee. Councilmember C. Johnson had concerns over the 'duties' section not reflecting what was originally passed. The City Secretary answered that the City Attorney had amended and sent an old copy and the resolution which would be corrected before signing. She further stated that the only substantive change from the original resolution should be in the composition requirements, removing the exact number of which types of members could serve.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the resolution with the aforementioned amendments, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: W. Johnson, Bruner

D. Consider and Discuss Removing and/or Appointing Members to the Finance Committee.

Ms. Sarah Adams, the Committee Chair, addressed the Council regarding the item. Since she has accepted the position as City Manager, her role on the committee has changed from member of the public to city staff. She would like to suggest the following changes to the members of the committee: Remove Peggy Ledbetter, accept the resignations of Jason Whetstone and Willard Johnson, and appoint new members Chris Carter, Josh Hopkins, and Jake Bailey.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to remove Peggy Ledbetter from the Finance Committee, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: W. Johnson, Bruner

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to accept the resignations of Jason Whetstone and Willard Johnson from the Finance Committee, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: W. Johnson, Bruner

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to appoint Chris Carter, Josh Hopkins, and Jake Bailey to the Finance Committee, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: W. Johnson, Bruner

E. Consider and Discuss Finance Committee Monthly Report.

Ms. Adams again addressed the Council as the Chair of the Finance Committee. She updated the Council saying that the committee had met two times and thus far had, with Ms. Ledbetter's help, implemented an accounts payable report, an new requirement for monthly financial reporting, amending the current budget, and discussions for convening a budget workshop in the next couple of meetings. Councilmember C. Johnson asked Ms. Adams if the committee had made any headway in the investigation of the budget shortfall. Ms. Adams replied that she currently believed that the funds had not been stolen, but were instead, just grossly mismanaged.

No action was taken on this item.

F. Consider and Discuss Taking Bids for Terminated Lake Lot Lease, South Shore Lot 17, Block 1, Parcel #8504.

Ms. Osborne explained that the lease had been cancelled due to non-payment and the city can go out for bid for the right to re-lease the property. She indicated that the Council would need to set a minimum bid in their action.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to go out for bid on South Shore, Lot 17, Block 1 with a minimum bid of \$6,000.00, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: W. Johnson, Bruner

G. Consider and Discuss Subdividing Lake Lot, South Shore, Lot 13 Block 2.—Brent West

Mr. West spoke to the Council saying that he currently leases several lots from the city, but one of them is so small that is almost unusable. He is requesting to subdivide a larger lot to enlarge the smallest lot which is currently being used as an Airbnb. Ms. Osborne stated that the City Attorney had said that he saw no legal objection to the subdivision, but changing the lots would require Council approval.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to allow the subdivision of South Shore Lot 13 Block 2, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: W. Johnson, Bruner

H. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning

Mayor Forester announced that Ms. Adams' first day as City Manager would be Monday, February 3, 2025 and reminded the Council that the filing period for a place on a ballot will end on February 14, 2025.

I. Announcements for City Council.

Councilmember Johnston announced that he would not be re-running for Place II in the upcoming election.

Councilmember C. Johnson asked for a Mayoral declaration the thank Cisco S.A.F.E. for their participation in the park project and said he would like to see an ordinance for the park. He further thanked Ms. Ledbetter for her dedicated service as Interim City Manager and suggested if possible, giving her a stipend for her time in both positions.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Osborne".

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Forester".

Stephen Forester, Mayor

